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For: Electrolyte for Metal-Oxygen Battery and Method for Its Preparation

**DECLARATION OF JEFFREY A. READ OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME A CITED REFERENCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

I, Jeffrey A. Read, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application for patent.
2. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention being claimed in the above-referenced application in the United States at a date prior to October 5, 2001, which is the effective date of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*) that was cited in the Final Office Action, mailed August 30, 2006.
3. I understand that pending claims 13-17 of the pending application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*). I further understand that while U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*) was Filed on 4 October 2002, it claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/327,468, which was Filed on 5 October 2001.

4. I state that I have worked extensively in the area lithium-ion and lithium-air batteries for over 7 years in my current position within the Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate, Directed Energy Branch, Army Research Laboratory (ARL). I believe my invention was reduced to practice prior to the filing date of Narang, *et al.* on 5 October 2001. As evidence of my reduction to practice prior to 5 October 2001, attached at Appendix A is a copy of the Invention Disclosure submitted to the ARL Legal office on 2 May 2001. As further evidence of my reduction to practice I am submitting copies of pages 89, 91-95, 97-98, and 100 of notebook number 3 (No. 8830) and pages 1-8, 11-28, and 32-34 of notebook number 4 (No. 8115), which are attached as Exhibit B.

5. I state that the above-referenced application was filed on my behalf on July 29, 2003, and that I had no control over the processing, and Filing of the Application, which was under the control of the ARL Legal Office and the Center for Patent Prosecution Excellence at Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, after I submitted the Invention disclosure to the Legal Office. I exercised due diligence in submitting an invention disclosure and causing the above-referenced patent application to be filed, and, to the best of my knowledge, due diligence was exercised by the Legal Office, Headquarters AMC, and the law firm contracted with to prepare a Draft Patent Application for submission to Headquarters AMC for review and Filing.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

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# Army Research Laboratory Invention Disclosure

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INVENTION TITLE: Electrolytes for Lithium-Air Cell

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## INVENTION HISTORY:

- a) DATE of Conception of the Invention: March 27, 2001
- b) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- c) DATE of First Sketch/Drawing:
- d) PLACE:
- e) DATE of First Written Description of Invention: March 30, 2001
- f) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- g) DATE of First Disclosure to Others: April 27, 2001
- h) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- i) DATE of Completion of Model (if any):
- j) PLACE:
- k) DATE of Completion of Full Scale Item: April 5, 2001
- l) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- m) DATE of First Test of Invention: April 9, 2001
- n) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- o) RESULTS of First Test: 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> EC:DMC > 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> γ-Butyrolactone > 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> Propylene Carbonate

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LIST INDIVIDUALS HAVING FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVENTION HISTORY:  
List their names, address and the features of the invention they have knowledge of

- a)
- b)
- c)
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LABORATORY NOTEBOOK DATA:

List the lab notebook number and pages where the invention is described  
Notebook #3 (No. 8830), p.89, 91-95, 97-98, 100.  
Notebook #4 (No. 8115), p. 1-8, 11-28, 32-34.

PUBLICATION OF THE INVENTION:

If a description of the invention has been published, list the type of publication and the dates. Also, identify any further planned reports or publications. If none, so state. None

LIST ANY KNOWN RELATED PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS or PATENT APPLICATIONS:

Also identify any previous reports, drawings, publications, or correspondence describing or showing the invention. List any known closely related patents, patent applications, reports, publications, devices, or methods. If none, so state.

- K.M. Abraham and Z. Jiang, US Patent 5,510,209
- K.M. Abraham and Z. Jiang, J. Electrochem. Soc., 143 (1996) p.1

IS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION? Yes

If so, where? Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD

NATURE AND EXTENT OF PAST USE, PRESENT USE, AND FUTURE USE:

Past: None

Present: Laboratory Cells

Future: Batteries for Military and Commercial Applications

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

Provide the following information concerning the disclosed invention and in the indicated sequence:

A. Specifically describe the invention and its operation. You may use and attach copies of sketches, prints, photographs, paper, and illustrations, which should be signed, witnessed and dated. Use numbers and descriptive names in descriptions and drawings. For inventions that are methods list the steps involved in the method. For inventions that are apparatus describe all the elements.

The invention is a series of electrolytes and electrolyte solvents used in an electrochemical cell where the cathode has access to oxygen from the air or other source. Additionally, the invention is a method of choosing electrolytes and electrolyte solvents used in an electrochemical cell where the cathode has access to oxygen from the air or other source.

Propylene carbonate(PC),  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone(g-BL), ethylene carbonate(EC), dimethyl carbonate (DMC), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), tetrahydrofuran (THF), and

tetrahydropyran (THP) were used individually or in combination to prepare electrolyte mixtures with  $\text{LiPF}_6$  salt. Figure 1 compares the voltage versus capacity curves of lithium-air cells at  $0.2\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$  with  $1\text{M}$   $\text{LiPF}_6$  electrolytes made from these of solvents. Figure 2 compares the specific capacity of a series of lithium-air cells at  $0.05$ ,  $0.2$  and  $1.0\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$  with this same series of electrolytes.

From figures 1 and 2 it can be observed that the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cell is directly related to the electrolyte used. By comparing the solubility of oxygen in these solvent mixtures



to the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cells



it is observed that the ability of the electrolyte to dissolve oxygen is directly related to the performance of the lithium air cell. The solubility of oxygen in EC:DMC and PC:DME is not known at this time. Higher oxygen solubility leads to higher discharge capacity and rate capability. By choosing solvents and salts that improve the solubility of oxygen in the electrolyte, the capacity and rate capability of the lithium-air cell can be improved. The solvents and salts that can be chosen are not limited to the ones mentioned in this disclosure but could include solvents such as perfluorobutylperfluorotetrahydrofuran (FC-80) which is known to have high oxygen solubility. Various salts and additives could also be used to improve oxygen solubility.

The lithium-air cell operates based on the principle that the air cathode (composed of a catalytic material such as a carbon black: Super P, Vulcan XC-72, or Acetylene Black; or other catalytic material such as  $\text{MnO}_2$ ), reduces oxygen from the air in an organic electrolyte based electrochemical cell. The catalytic material in the air electrode reduces  $\text{O}_2$  to  $\text{O}_2^{-2}$  or  $\text{O}^{-2}$ . The reduced oxygen then reacts with lithium to form  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  that deposits on the surface and in the pores of the air electrode. The operating voltage for such a cell is  $2.0$ - $2.8\text{V}$ , while the open circuit voltage is  $2.85\text{V}$ . The catalytic material provides numerous sites for the deposition of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  due to a large surface area.

B. State the advantages of the invention over presently known devices, systems or processes. Also discuss/provide a background of the prior art.

Metal-Air batteries using aqueous electrolytes are well known with Iron/air, Zinc/air and Aluminum/air being the most studied. The zinc/air battery has been commercialized for hearing aid devices and pagers. Abraham and Jiang<sup>1,2</sup> recently described a lithium-air battery using organic electrolyte. This battery utilizes a carbon cathode (graphite, acetylene black) that reduces oxygen to form  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  as described above.

The lithium-air cell operates based on the principle that the air cathode (composed of a catalytic material such as a carbon black: Super P, Vulcan XC-72, or Acetylene Black; or other catalytic material such as  $\text{MnO}_2$ ), reduces oxygen from the air in an organic electrolyte based electrochemical cell. The catalytic material in the air electrode reduces  $\text{O}_2$  to  $\text{O}_2^{-2}$  or  $\text{O}^{-2}$ . The reduced oxygen then reacts with lithium to form  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  that deposits on the surface and in the pores of the air electrode. The operating voltage for such a cell is  $2.0$ - $2.8\text{V}$ ,

while the open circuit voltage is 2.85V. The catalytic material provides numerous sites for the deposition of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  due to a large surface area.

The advantage of this invention over presently known devices is that the capacity and rate capability of the presently known devices can be improved by choice of electrolytes and electrolyte solvents. The discharge capacity and rate capability are directly related to the ability of the electrolyte solvent to dissolve oxygen. By properly choosing the electrolyte solvents from the list above or from any list of solvents known to be stable in an organic electrolyte based lithium-air cell, the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cell can be improved.

C. Discuss the problems which the invention is designed to solve, referring to any prior invention of a similar nature with which you may be familiar.

The invention is designed to solve the problem of providing more energy to portable devices. Storing more capacity in less weight is a desirable property of any new electrochemical system. This invention succeeds in providing more capacity and better rate capability.

D. List all known and other possible uses for the invention. **None**

E. List the features of the invention that are believed to be novel.

- 1) The invention provides a series of electrolytes that improve the capacity and rate capability of the organic electrolyte based lithium air cell.
- 2) The invention provides a method of choosing electrolytes that improve the capacity and rate capability of the organic electrolyte based lithium air cell.

SIGNATURE OF ALL INVENTORS:

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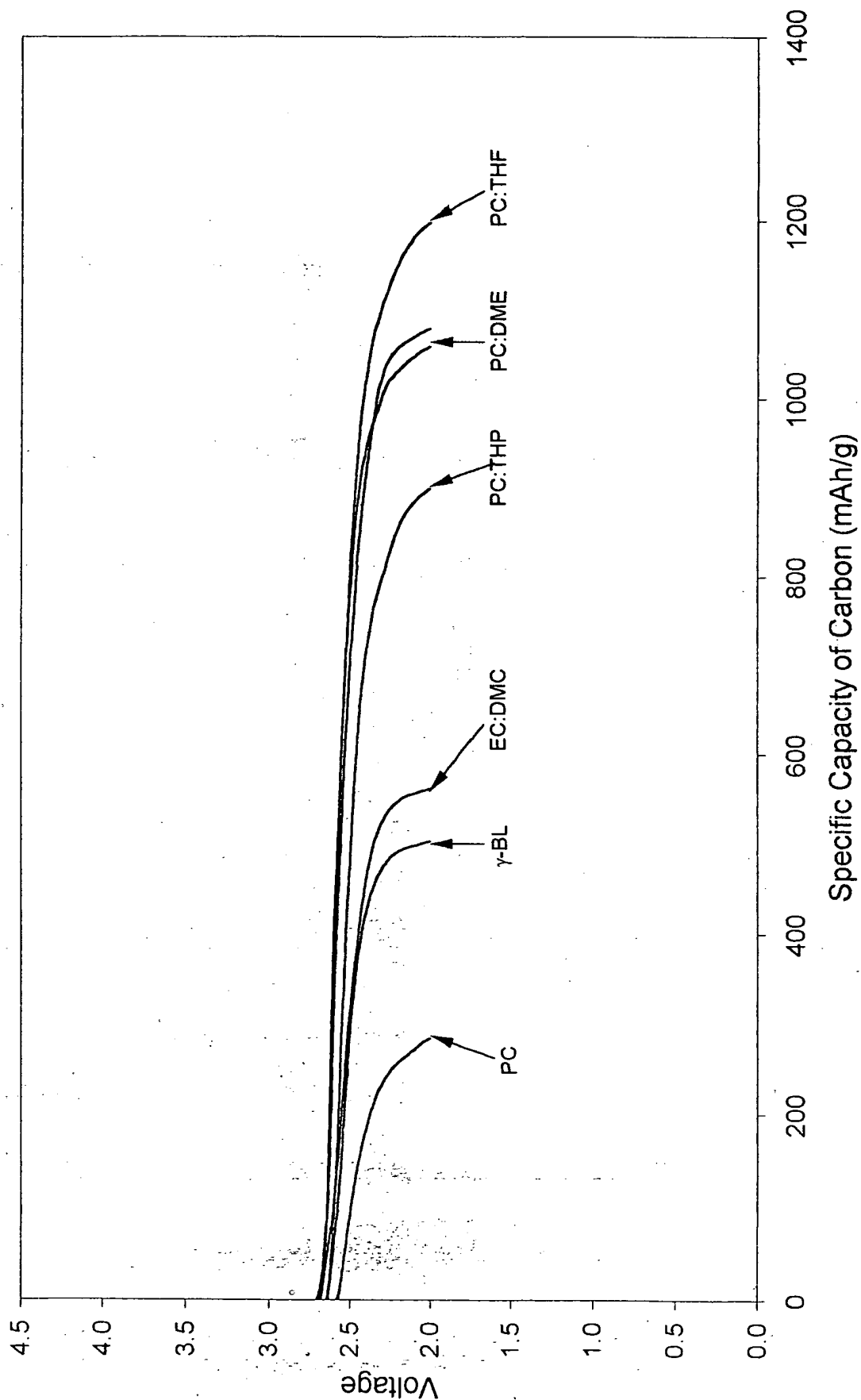
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<sup>2</sup> US Patent 5,510,209

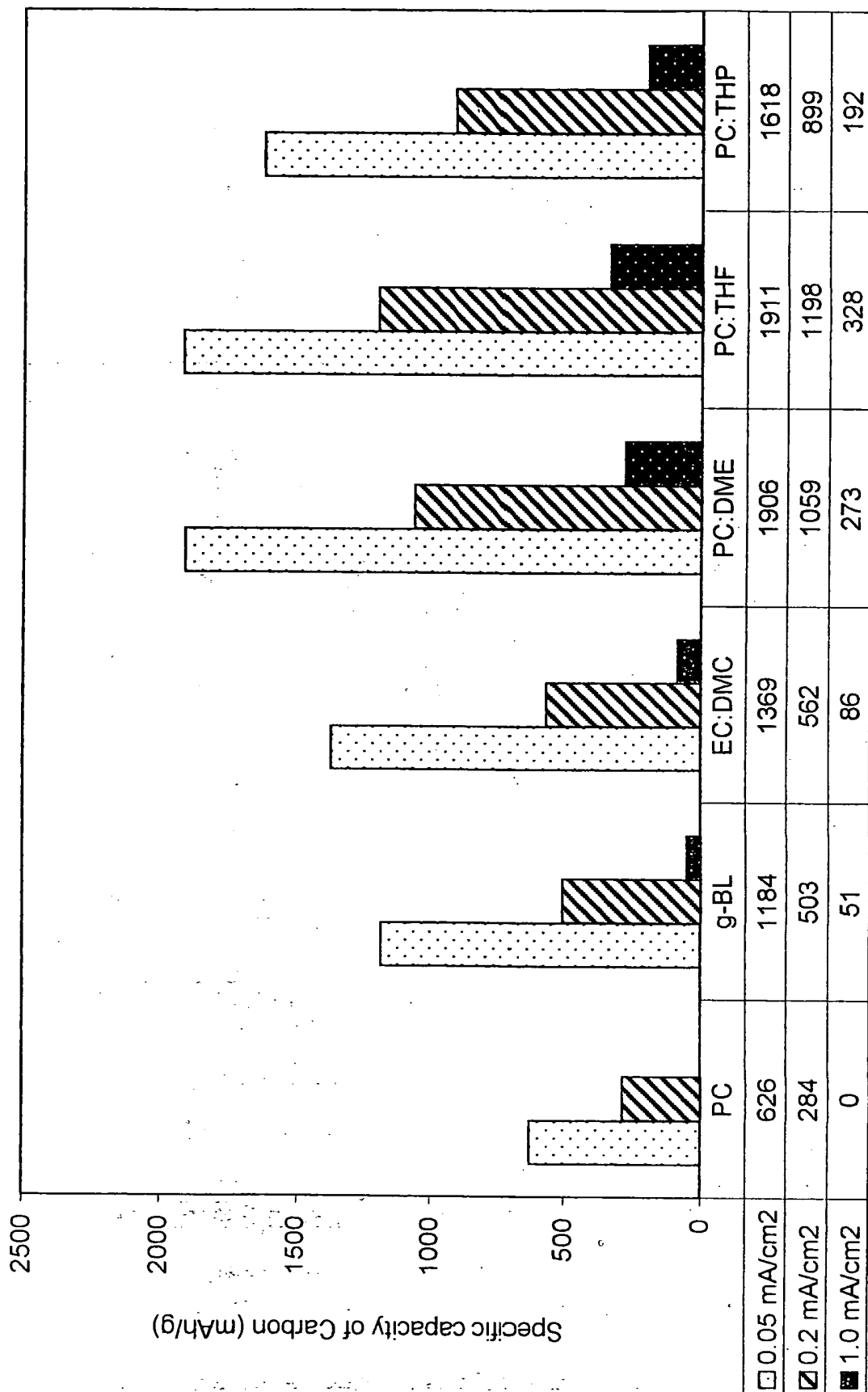


Figure 1  
(Specific Capacity of Carbon @ 0.2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)



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Figure 2



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Lithium - Air Cathodes

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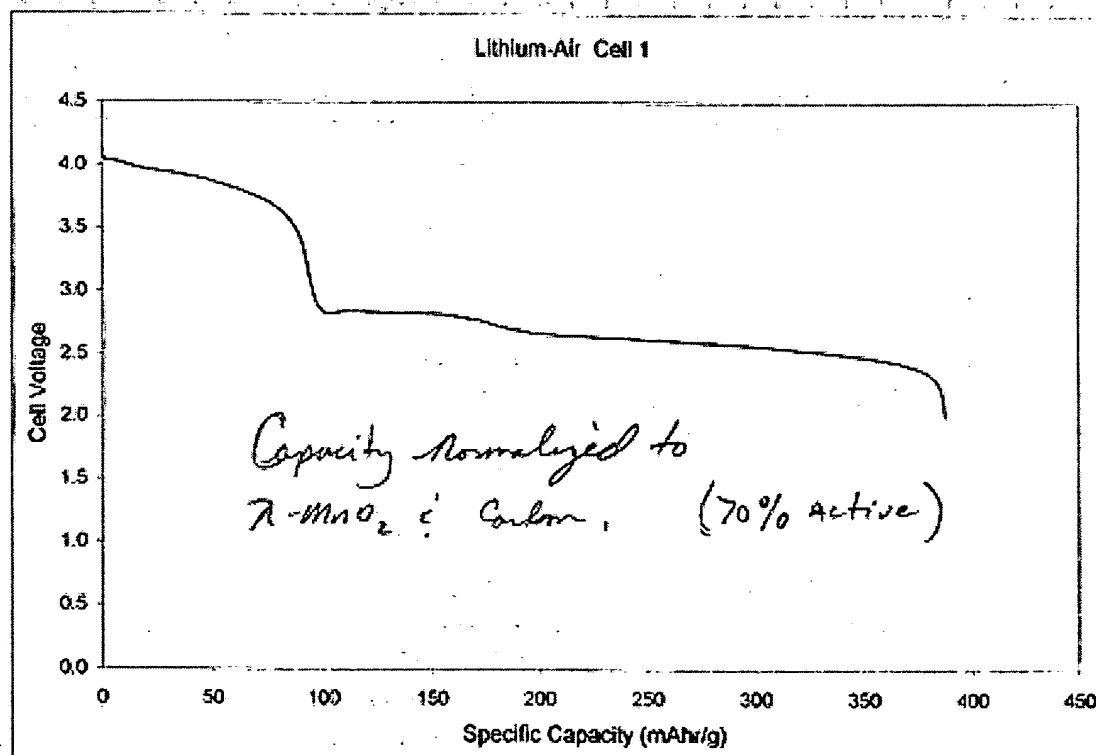
Initial Test Cell - 50%  $\gamma$ - $\text{MnO}_2$ , 20% Super P, 30% Kynar 2801

Capacity = 21.9 mAh.

Cathode wt  $\approx$  .0806 g (70% Active)

→ When disassembled, the cathode appeared to have circles on the lithium side of the cathode where the air holes were situated on the back side of the cathode. The cathode was hard in this area when examined, while areas not exposed to air holes were soft.

→ Cell:  $\text{Li}^\circ$ , Calgard 2300, 1M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  PC/DME (1:1), Air cathode on Al Grid,  $\text{O}_2$  (pure) in the gas.

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## Lithium - Air Cathode

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$2-MnO_2$  (Aw-46) = 25.0%  
 Super P = 15.0%  
 Kynar 2801 = 20.0%  
 DBP = 40.0%

$2-MnO_2$  (Aw-46) = 8.4538 g  
 Super P = 5.0713 g  
 Kynar 2801 = 6.7282 g  
 DBP = 13.4261 g

Acetone = 102.44 g + 10 g

gap = 1.194 mm

Lot #: N3 P91A

## Initial formula

$2-MnO_2$  (Aw-46) = 25%  
 Super P = 15%  
 Kynar 2801 = 20%  
 DBP = 40% = Increase to 70%

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$2-MnO_2$  (Aw-46) = 12.5%  
 Super P = 7.5%  
 Kynar 2801 = 10.0%  
 DBP = 70%

$2-MnO_2$  = 8.3261 g  
 Super P = 5.1085 g  
 Kynar 2801 = 6.7095 g  
 DBP = 46.5779 g

Acetone = 73.5 g + 42.8 g - 10.2 g = 106.1 g

Gap 1 = 1.194 mm

Gap 2 = 2.286 mm

Lot # N3 P91B

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2-MnO<sub>2</sub> = 18.75%  
 Super P = 11.25%  
 Gm 280 = 15%  
 DBP = 55%

2-MnO<sub>2</sub> = 8.3101g (18.64%)  
 Super P = ~~5.0001g~~ 5.1027g (11.46%)  
 Gm 280 = 6.8363g (15.33%)  
 DBP = 24.3324g (54.57%)  
44.5865 g total

Acetone = 82.5g + 7.7g

Cast @ 1.84 mm & 2.286 mm

Dried to 10 mils & 24 mils

Lot # N3P92A

Cell Build - (5 cm<sup>2</sup> cell)

Cell #	Cath wt.	OCV	Before dis. Imp. 10H <sub>2</sub> O	1/2/01			1/8/01		
				* Before wt. in air	19.8°C wt. in water	19.8°C wt. in water	21.2°C wt. in water	22.0°C wt. in water	22.0°C wt. in water
LA1	1.704g	4.14V	675	14.82g	-36.37g	-46.22g	-37.50	-34.	
LA2	3641g	Start							
LA3	7.266g	4.13V	5452	15.34g	-37.07g	-56.81g	-37.50	-34.	-11.3

Cathode Lot # N3P92A  
 LA1 & LA2 @ 3000, 1 pass  
 Extract 3X in MeOH for 30 min  
 Dried under vacuum 2 hrs. 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Activated in bowl of 2M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC-DME (Lot # N3P84B)  
 Measured impedance after overnight rest 1/3/01, Filled by w. O<sub>2</sub>  
 Put on to discharge at 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> to 2V PC-XIR and Test.  
 Measured O<sub>2</sub> volume change.

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O<sub>2</sub> volume vs. mAh Capacity

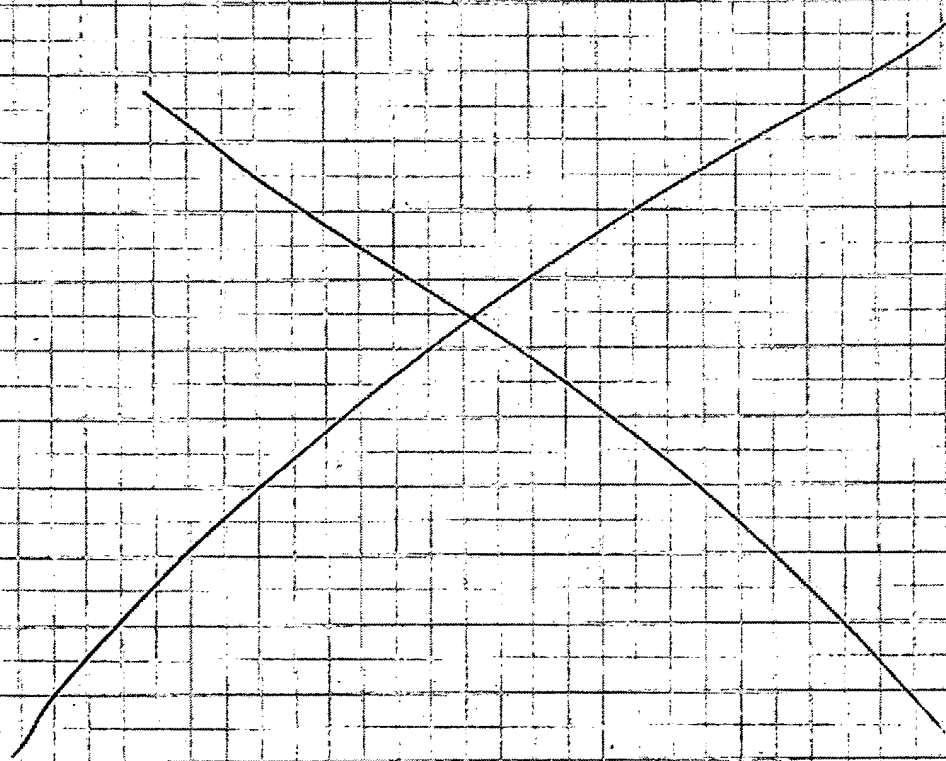
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4e<sup>-</sup> - Assume 4e<sup>-</sup> reaction for reduction of O<sub>2</sub>. ( $4\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ )

$$\frac{4 \text{ moles } e^-}{\text{mole O}_2} \times \frac{96500 \text{ C}}{\text{mole } e^-} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole O}_2}{22.4 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ liter}}{1000 \text{ ml}} \times \frac{1 \text{ A}}{1 \text{ C/s}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mAh}}{1 \text{ Ah}}$$

2e<sup>-</sup> - Assume 2e<sup>-</sup> reaction for reduction of O<sub>2</sub>. ( $2\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$ )

$$\frac{2.40 \text{ mAh}}{\text{ml}} \text{ or } \frac{.418 \text{ ml}}{\text{mAh}}$$



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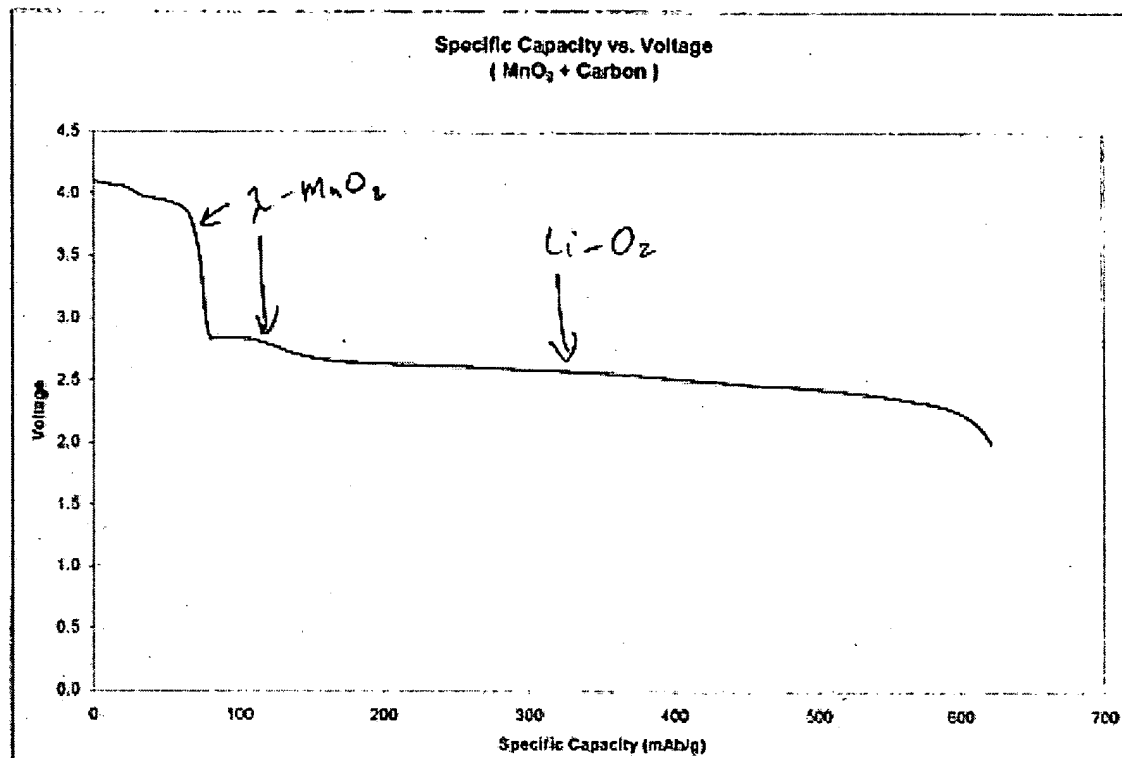
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## Discharge Profiles of Lithium-Air cell. (LA1) 1/8/01

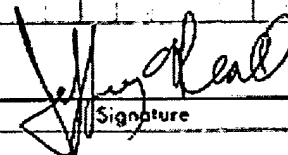
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1/8/01Cell discharged at  $1 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  to 2V.

Active weight = 0.513 g

Total Capacity = 31.93 mAh

The voltage curve shows both the  $2\text{-MnO}_2$  discharge profile and the  $\text{Li-O}_2$  discharge voltage profile.The gas volume change associated with the discharge was indicative of the formation of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$ , as shown on the next page. The OCV measured <sup>at the end of discharge</sup> seems to indicate that the <sup>main</sup> discharge product is  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$ .

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Calculation of  $2e^-$  or  $4e^-$  discharge reaction - 1/8

The volume measurements on LA1 were used to determine whether  $Li_2O_2$  or  $Li_2O$  were being formed on discharge.

The OCV indicated  $Li_2O$  formation.

The gas volume measurements indicated  $Li_2O_2$  formation.

**Before Discharge**

Before Wt in Air (g) = 14.82  
 Wt in Water (g) = -46.22  
 Pressure (mm Hg) = 761  
 Temperature (C) = 19.8  
 Corrected Initial Gas Volume = 45.79  
 Uncorrected Initial Gas Volume = 49.04

**After Discharge**

Wt in Water (g) = -37.50  
 Pressure (mm Hg) = 749  
 Temperature (C) = 21.2  
 Corrected Final Gas Volume = 36.87  
 Uncorrected Final Gas Volume = 40.32

Change in Gas Volume (Corrected) = 8.91  
 Change in Gas Volume (Uncorrected) = 8.72

Calculate mAh due to Lambda = 7.941 at 250 mAh/g  
 Total Cell Capacity = 31.93  
 mAh/g Due to Air = 23.989  
 mAh/ml = 2.69

mAh/ml (2 electron reaction) = 2.4  
 mAh/ml (4 electron reaction) = 4.8

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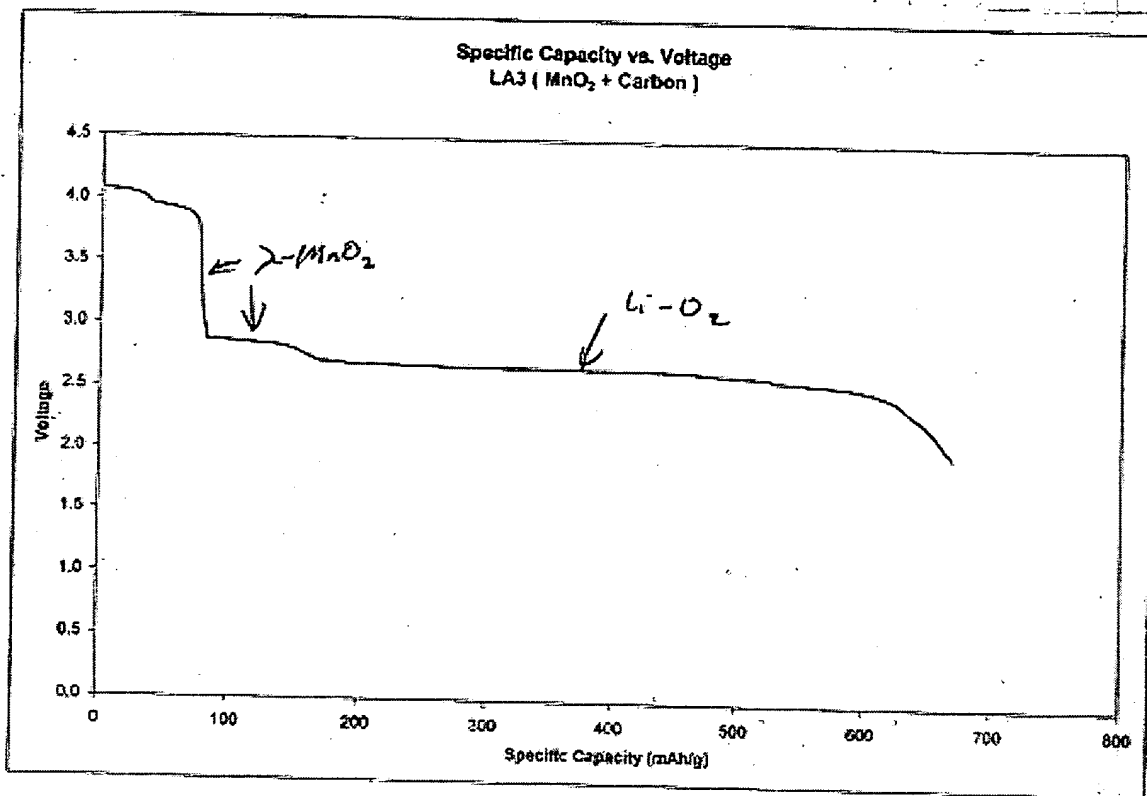
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Discharge Profile of Lithium-Air Battery LA3 1/16/01

LA3 (SC1)



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Cell Discharged at 1 mA to 2.0V  
Active wt. = 2187 g  
Total Capacity = 146.696 mAh

The gas volume change is indicative of a 2e<sup>-</sup> reaction for oxygen reduction i.e. the formation of Li<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, as shown on the next page.

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Determination of 2e<sup>-</sup> or 4e<sup>-</sup> reaction - Li-Air 1/16/51

## Before Discharge

	LA1	LA3
Before Wt in Air (g) =	14.82	15.34
Wt in Water (g) =	-46.22	-56.81
Pressure (mm Hg) =	761	761
Temperature (C) =	19.8	19.8
Corrected Initial Gas Volume =	45.79	56.16
Uncorrected Initial Gas Volume =	49.04	60.15

## After Discharge

Wt in Water (g) =	-37.50	-11.32	
Pressure (mm Hg) =	749	754.8	
Temperature (C) =	21.2	22.2	
Corrected Final Gas Volume =	36.87	13.47	
Uncorrected Final Gas Volume =	40.32	14.66	
Change in Gas Volume (Corrected) =	8.91	42.69	
Change in Gas Volume (Uncorrected) =	8.72	45.49	
Calculate mAh due to Lambda =	7.941	33.860	at 250 mAh/g
Total Cell Capacity =	31.93	146.696	
mAh/g Due to Air =	23.989	112.837	
mAh/ml =	2.69	2.64	
mAh/ml (2 electron reaction) =	2.4	2.4	2e <sup>-</sup>
mAh/ml (4 electron reaction) =	4.8	4.8	

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Li-Air Plug Type Electrodes

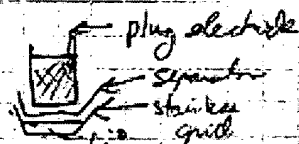
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Electrodes were built by placing a plug of electrode material inside a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter pyrex tube 2.5 cm long, and placing glass rods in each end to compress the plug while being heated to  $135^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The plug is heated for ~5 minutes until it bonds to it self.

The plug is then extracted in MeOH 3X for 20 minutes and dried under vacuum at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 hours.

The plug is wrapped in Aluminum grid and placed back in the glass tube and a 2 electrode cell is built vs. Li metal.



Tube dia = .235" = .599 cm  
Tube X-Area = .280 cm<sup>2</sup>

The plug electrode is held to the separator/lithium with an insulated wire and placed in a foil bag. Electrolyte is added to the cell with electrolyte being added directly to the plug electrode. The excess electrolyte is removed from the plug area and the bag is sealed with 2 leads coming out for electrical connection. The bag is cut open at one end and  $\text{O}_2$  is put in and the bag is resealed.

The plug is put on test at  $1 \text{ mA/cm}^2$ .

Electrode material used: N3P91B Electrolyte: N3P80B (same to CAP3: same to CAP3)

Cell #	Cath wt.	OCV	Resistance (ohms)	Before wt. (mg)	wt. @ $23^{\circ}\text{C}$ under (51 mth)	Discharge	After in air	in a
LAP1	.1612 g cath.	4.11	761 $\Omega$	11.82 g	-63.95	30 mth	11.82 g	-57
LAP2	.1549 g cath.	4.12	1022 $\Omega$	12.66 g	-77.61	42 mth	12.68 g	-86
LAP3	.1481 g cath.	4.11	1063 $\Omega$	10.18 g	-59.74	fully	10.21 g	-35

LAP1 - Discharge Air portion 25% - Total Discharge = 30 mth - Program - PCX1RM  
LAP2 - Discharge Air portion 50% - Total Discharge = 42 mth - Program - PCX1RM  
LAP3 - Discharge Air portion 100% - Total Discharge = 67 mth - Program - PCX1RO  
\*Discharge at  $20.0^{\circ}\text{C}$

Status: 3/21/01 cells LAP1 & LAP2 are discharged.  
LAP3 still discharging.

4/8/01 cell finished, wts taken in air & water

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Li-Air Cells - Rate Study &amp; Argon Blanks. 1/19/01

Cathode: N3P92A (Both 10 & 24 mils)  
 Electrolyte: 1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC:DME (1:1) Lot: N3P90B

Cell #	Cap (μF)	Cap (μF)
LA4	10.9	19019
LA5	11.0	1920
LA6	10.9	1905
LA7	10.9	1939
LA8	11.0	1966
LA9	10.9	1944
LA10	10.9	1929
LA11	10.9	1933
LA14	23.5	3851
LA15	23.6	3820
LA16	23.5	3935
LA17	23.5	3743
LA18	23.2	3802
LA19	24.1	3850
LA12	23.6	3849
LA13	23.8	3870

LAM's @ 300°F, 1 pass on treated Al grid.  
 Extracted 3X in MeOH for 30 minutes each time.

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Dried cathodes in 100°C oven for 2 hours.

Built into testable cells in lithium and argon separator. Used 3-4 tie pins  
 cathode to hold it flat.

Sealed in foil laminate -

~6 ml of 1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC:DME Lot: N3P90B for each cell.

Cells for Rate Study: LA6, LA7, LA8, LA9, LA10 "light"  
 LA14, LA15, LA16, LA17, LA18, "Heavy"

Cells for Argon Study: LA11, LA19

Hold backs: LA4, LA5  
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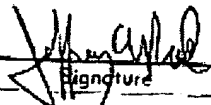
## Li-Air Rate Study (20°C)

Cell #	2'e 1042	wt in Air	wt. in water	Discharge Rate	(after dis.) 1/31/01 wt in water	(after dis.) 2/1/01 wt. in water	1/23/01 2/8/01 weight in water
LA6	73.25	15.35g	-70.80	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	still disch.	-54.01g	
LA7	67.52	14.59	-35.12	1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-22.84		
LA8	71.75	14.91	-81.02	2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-14.19		
LA9	65.75	14.85	-62.88	5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-60.57		
LA10	66.02	15.88	-62.00	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-61.80		
LA14	69.75	14.78	-90.63	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	still disch.		-59.49g
LA15	60.62	15.17	-135.81	1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-114.18		
LA16	60.55	14.61	-180.48	2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-107.54		
LA17	59.75	15.09	-106.45	5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-103.06		
LA18	62.75	14.77g	-93.79	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-72.56		
			21.0°C		22.3°C	22.1°C	24.0°C
			760 mmHg		744 mmHg	756 mmHg	761.8 mmHg

## Li-Air Argon Blanks Study (20°C)

Cell #	2'e 662	wt in Air	wt in water	Discharge Rate	(after dis.) 1/31/01 wt in water
LA11	42.15	14.53g	-15.18	1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-15.61
LA19	74.95	14.98g	-16.10	1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	-16.31
			21.0°C		22.3°C
			760 mmHg		744 mmHg

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Casting Air electrodes

Vulcan XC-72

Black Pearls

Cast #1

Vulcan XC-72 = 13.4603 g (30.24%)  
 Kynar 2801 = 6.8443 g (15.38%)  
 DBP = 24.2008 g  
 Acetone = 48.94 g

45.62%

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Dry mix, Add Acetone / DBP mix, blend for 30 seconds on setting 1  
 lumpy mixture - cast @ 1.194 mm & 2.286 mm

LOT: N4P3A

Lumpy FILM - LAMINATES WELL

Cast #2

Black Pearls 2000 = 13.3641 g  
 Kynar 2801 = 6.8850 g  
 DBP = 24.2427 g  
 Acetone = 109 g

Cast @ 2.286 mm, Thick paste, FILM CRACKED.

Li-Air Cells Carbon Surface Area Study

Cell #	Lowest Cath. Th.	Cath. wt.	Cathode Lot #	Rate	200 Hz	OCV	wt in Air	1/25/01	1/31/01
LA20	42 mils	5810	Lot # N4P3A	0.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	34.85	3.2858V	16.16g	756.2	744.6
LA21	44 mils	5805		1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	40.92	3.2871V	15.88g	22.3	22.3
LA22	40 mils	5427		2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	32.82	3.2724V	14.68g	-103.15g	215.1
LA23	43 mils	5837		5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	32.75	3.2871V	15.23g	-56.86g	215.1
LA24	40 mils	5484		1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	42.55	3.2904V	14.35g	-186.02g	-170
								-120.30g	-113
								-121.01g	-118

LAM @ 300E, 1 pass on treated Al grid  
 Extract 3x in methanol  
 dry at 100°C under vacuum for 12 hours.  
 Seal in foil bags w/ Lithium Anode.  
 Add ~6 grams of 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC:DMC (1:1) Lot N3P908  
 Measure Impedance after 1 1/2 hrs  
 Add Pure O<sub>2</sub>  
 Discharge at .05, 1, 2, 5, 1.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>

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Li-Air Cells

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LA21Li-Air cell LA21 was stopped on 1/31/01 to add more  $O_2$ .Stopped  $\rightarrow$   $wt$  in water =  $-28.24g$   $\rightarrow$  Added  $O_2 \rightarrow$   $wt$  in Air =  $14.86g$   $\rightarrow$   $wt$  in water =After Discharge:  $wt$  in water =  $-37.85g$   $\leftarrow 22.3^\circ C$   $751 mmHg$  $22.3^\circ C$   
 $749 mmHg$ LA22, LA23, LA24 - (were) placed back on test after they were weighed in water at  $0.5 mA/cm^2$  to see what the low rate capacity is.

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Li-Air Cell (Practical)\* 2 -  $16 cm^2$  cathodes on Li central anode

Cathode: N4P3A

Cathode wt total =  $7.45g - .19g - .23g = 7.03g$ 

Laminated thickness 65-75 mils

Li Anode wt =  $63g$ 

Separator: Raychem Type Absorber

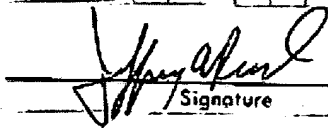
Electrodes Cracked when trying to build cell. Only  $1/2$  cell ( $1/2$  of cath.) was used.Pinhole in package to allow  $O_2$  entryImpedance  $\sim 10.5 \Omega @ 10 Hz$ 

Cell = LA25

Discharge at  $0.2 mA/cm^2 = 1.6 mA$ 

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→ Put LA8 on charge/discharge cycling for 10 cycles to see if it will recharge

Teflon Cathode Prep

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Super P = 3.6620 g

IPA/water = 14 ml IPA to 30 ml water

17 ml of IPA/water mix added to Super P

Teflon Emulsion = 2.8378 g (0.5% Solids)

Teflon Emulsion + DI Water = 17.3854 g (10.03% Solids soln)

Add 3 ml of Teflon/DI Water mix in 4 ml Aliquots. (91.05% C, 8.95% T)

Mix Paste after each Aliquot

Paste onto Treated Al grids

Put on blotting paper w/ weight then copy paper + wt

Allow to dry with weight overnight

→ Cathodes checked today 2/2/01  
 → Pressed on Carver at 4000 c, 7000 pounds for 16 cm<sup>2</sup> size coating.  
 → built into Li-Air cell

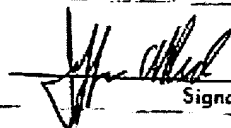
Cell #	cat. gms wt	pressed at	zr wt%	grid wt. gms
LA26	0.886g	7000 lb	10.95%	
LA27	1.182g	7000 lb	12.2%	
LA28	1.685g	4000 lb	19.7%	
LA29	1.612g	4000 lb	31.0%	

Activated in 6 ml of 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC:DMC 1:1 N2PFOB

Run impedance

Filled with O<sub>2</sub>Tested at .5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>

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Cells in Teflon cathodes - Additional Testing

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Cells LA27, 28 & 29 were put back on test to discharge at 5 mAttn after being recharged to various potentials at 2 mA/amp.

Cell	Charge to	Test	File name
LA27	3.20V	RCX5-A	LA27B
LA28	3.50V	RCX5-B	LA27C
LA29	4.15V	RCX5-C	LA27D

Cell LA26 was destroyed.

Preparation of 10% solid Teflon solution

2/6/01

Teflon 30 Emulsion (61.5% solids) = 36.8713 g

DI water = ~~191.91g~~ 191.91g

$$\frac{36.8713 \times 61.5}{(191.91 + 36.87)}$$

$$\frac{36.8713 \times 61.5 \times 100}{(191.91 + 36.87)} = \boxed{9.91\% \text{ Teflon}}$$

Preparation of Teflon paste for cathodes

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IPA/water = 13.7ml IPA diluted to 39ml with DI water

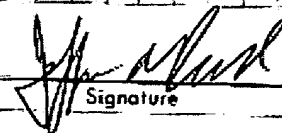
Super P = 3.0986g

20ml of IPA/water added to Super P + 7ml

Teflon 30 (10% Emulsion - 9.91% actual) = 1.06g + 1.08g + 1.06g

Mix to shiny paste. over

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Teflonated electrodes

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8/31 grid	grid wt.
1	.0375
2	.0403
3	.0408
4	.0401
5	.0399
6	.0390

The Supa P/TEFlon 30 paste from p. 6 was coated onto the Aluminum grids 1-6 above. The paste was put on both sides of the grid and then a 23 mil shim was used to make a level, constant thickness electrode. The excess paste was squeezed out. The electrodes were between Al foil during the leveling process and then left there to dry under a constant weight at 85°C in a constant temperature oven. When dried the electrodes cracked and upon pressing flaking they did not form good electrodes.

Impedance measurements on discharged cells

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Cell	After Discharge		Before Discharge	
	Imp. @ 10Hz	Imp. @ 3x10 <sup>4</sup> Hz	Imp. @ 10Hz	Imp. @ 3x10 <sup>4</sup> Hz
LA8	35.0 $\Omega$	.090 $\Omega$	71.7 $\Omega$	.100 $\Omega$
LA1	31.6 $\Omega$	.102 $\Omega$	67.0 $\Omega$	.110 $\Omega$
LA3	32.5 $\Omega$	.095 $\Omega$	53.8 $\Omega$	.111 $\Omega$
LA6	45.1 $\Omega$	.091 $\Omega$	73.2 $\Omega$	.096 $\Omega$
LA7	49.9 $\Omega$	.095 $\Omega$	67.5 $\Omega$	.099 $\Omega$
LA9	57.6 $\Omega$	.095 $\Omega$	65.7 $\Omega$	.101 $\Omega$
LA10	58.3 $\Omega$	.096 $\Omega$	66.0 $\Omega$	.097 $\Omega$
LA11	34.6 $\Omega$	.099 $\Omega$	42.1 $\Omega$	.102 $\Omega$
LA14	46.5 $\Omega$	.094 $\Omega$	68.2 $\Omega$	.103 $\Omega$
LA15	43.4 $\Omega$	.093 $\Omega$	60.6 $\Omega$	.101 $\Omega$
LA16	55.9 $\Omega$	.093 $\Omega$	60.5 $\Omega$	.101 $\Omega$
LA17	56.7 $\Omega$	.069 $\Omega$ ???	52.7 $\Omega$	.106 $\Omega$
LA18	49.1 $\Omega$	.094 $\Omega$	62.7 $\Omega$	.101 $\Omega$
LA19	67.3 $\Omega$	.092 $\Omega$	74.9 $\Omega$	.103 $\Omega$
LA21	27.8 $\Omega$	.093 $\Omega$	40.9 $\Omega$	.097 $\Omega$
LA27	44.0 $\Omega$	.096 $\Omega$	17.6 $\Omega$	.096 $\Omega$
LA28	22.7 $\Omega$	.100 $\Omega$	19.7 $\Omega$	.095 $\Omega$
LA29	8.7 $\Omega$	.094 $\Omega$	31.0 $\Omega$	

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Cut-off Voltage Studies of Li-O<sub>2</sub> cells

2/15/01

Cells LA 4, 5, 12 & 13 (pl) were activated by adding ~6ml of 1MURF<sub>6</sub> PC:DME (1:1) (cat # N3P90B).

Cells will be charged and discharged between 2 different voltages

LA 4, LA 12 - 4.15V to 2.0V

LA 5, LA 13 - 4.15V to 2.5V

Cell	Imp <sub>10Hz</sub>	OCV	Test	Channel	Test
LA 4	62.9Ω	4.118	4.15V → 2.0V	1	LAX1B
LA 5	33.3Ω	4.114	4.15V → 2.5V	32, Aux 1	LAX1C
LA 12	52.5Ω	4.117	4.15V → 2.0V	3	LAX1B
LA 13	53.6Ω	4.119	4.15V → 2.5V	5	LAX1A

LA 5 - wt in air before cycling = 13.87g

LA 5 - wt in water before cycling = 160.95g (752.5mmHg, 23.1°C)

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Cells LA 27, LA 28 and LA 29 were put back on discharge at 1.0 after the impedance testing on 2/13/01.

Cell	Test	Filename
LA 27	PCX1R	LA27C
LA 28	PCX1R	LA28C
LA 29	PCX1A	LA29C

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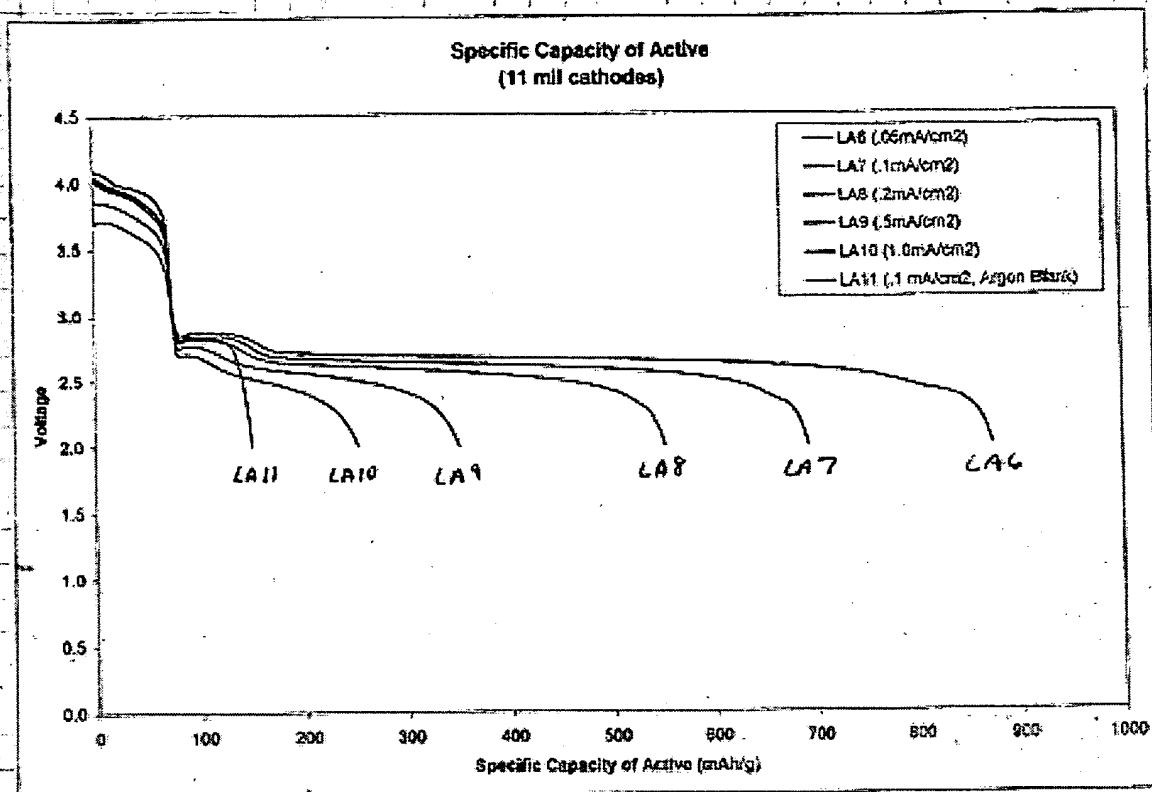
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Results for Li-Air Cells LA6 - LA11

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The Specific Capacity of the Active components ( $\text{Li-MnO}_2$  + Carbon) decreases quite rapidly with discharge rate. The specific capacity of the electrode in the absence of  $\text{O}_2$  is shown in LA11 where only the  $\text{Li-MnO}_2$  capacity discharges. The limited rate capability may be due to slow kinetics of the  $\text{O}_2$  reduction or  $\text{O}_2$  solubility in the electrolyte.

The energy density plot for these cells shows a maximum of nearly 2500 Wh/kg at .05 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, extremely high for any battery system.

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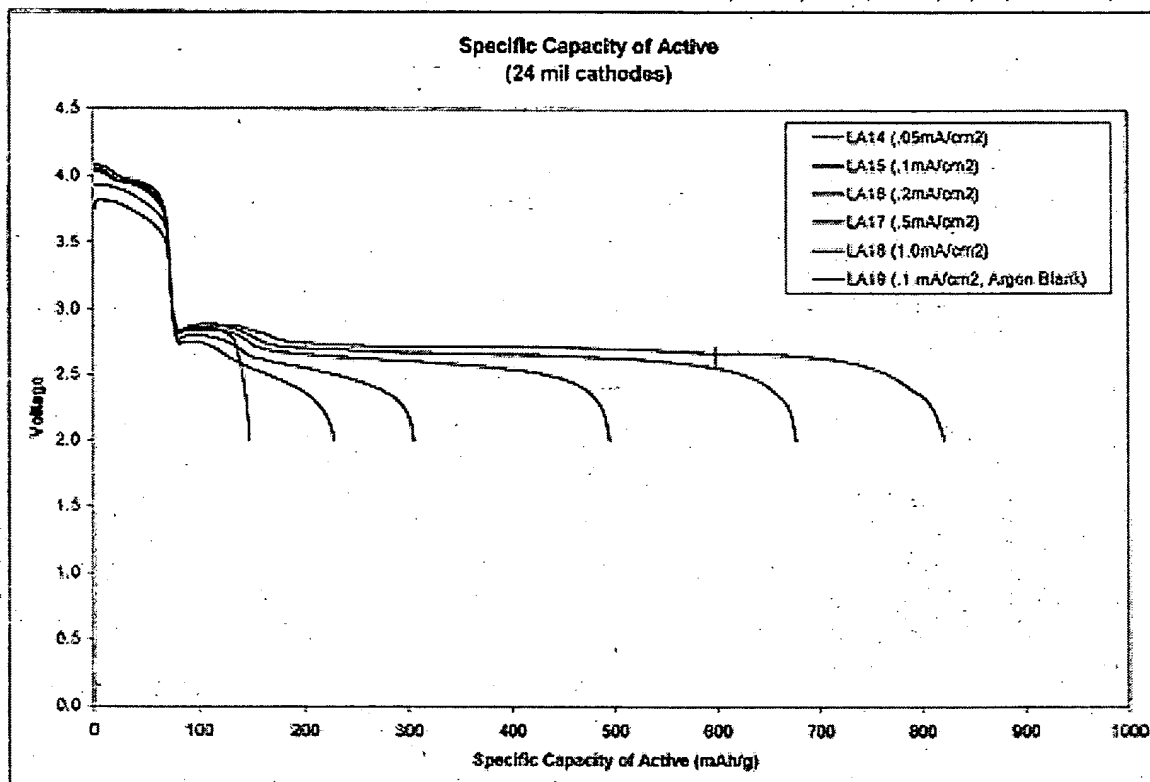
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Results for Li-Air Cells LA14-LA19

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Cells LA14-LA19 show identical behavior to those of LA6-LA11 with some slight decrease in capacity due to the thickness of the electrodes being 24 mils instead of 11 mils.

rate	Spec Cap Active (mAh/g)		Spec Cap Carbon (mAh/g)		Specific Cap of Cathode (mAh/g)		Lambda
	11 mils	24 mils	11 mils	24 mils	11 mils	24 mils	
0.05	874	822	1900	1769	579	545	163
0.1	893	877	1429	1388	459	449	
0.2	562	498	1059	912	366	328	161
0.5	351	305	531	411	232	202	
1.0	253	229	273	210	167	151	155

The table summarizes the results for: Specific Capacity of Active (1.44e<sup>-4</sup>), Specific Capacity of Carbon (C), Specific Capacity of Cathode (2.4e<sup>-4</sup> + C).

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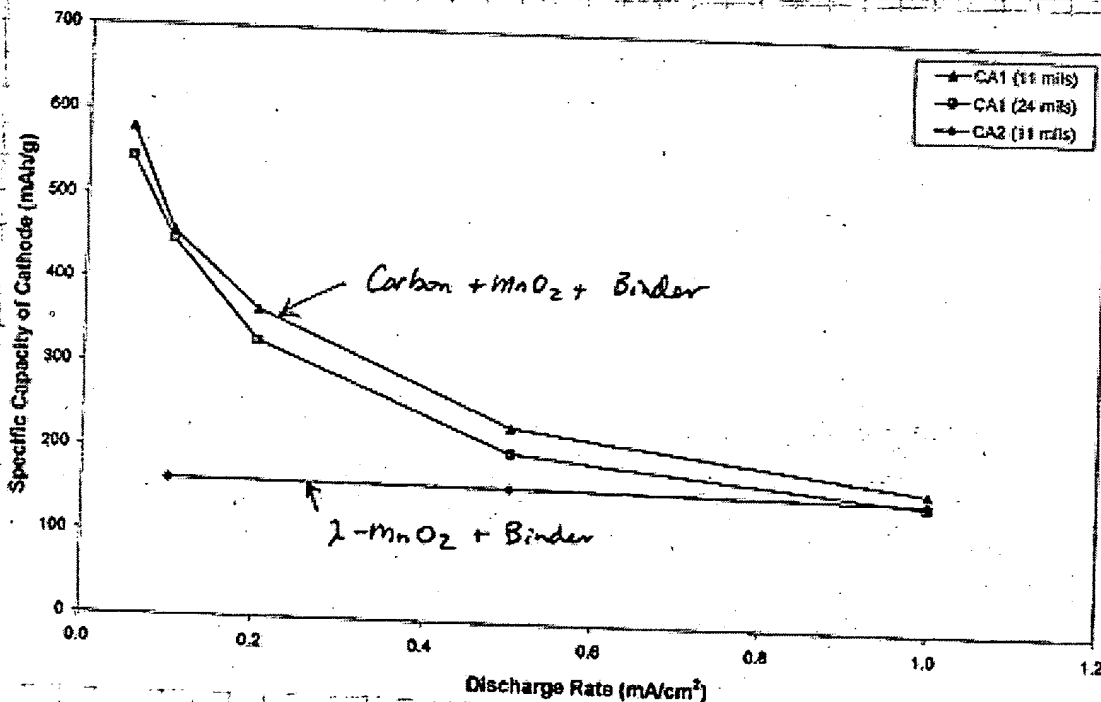
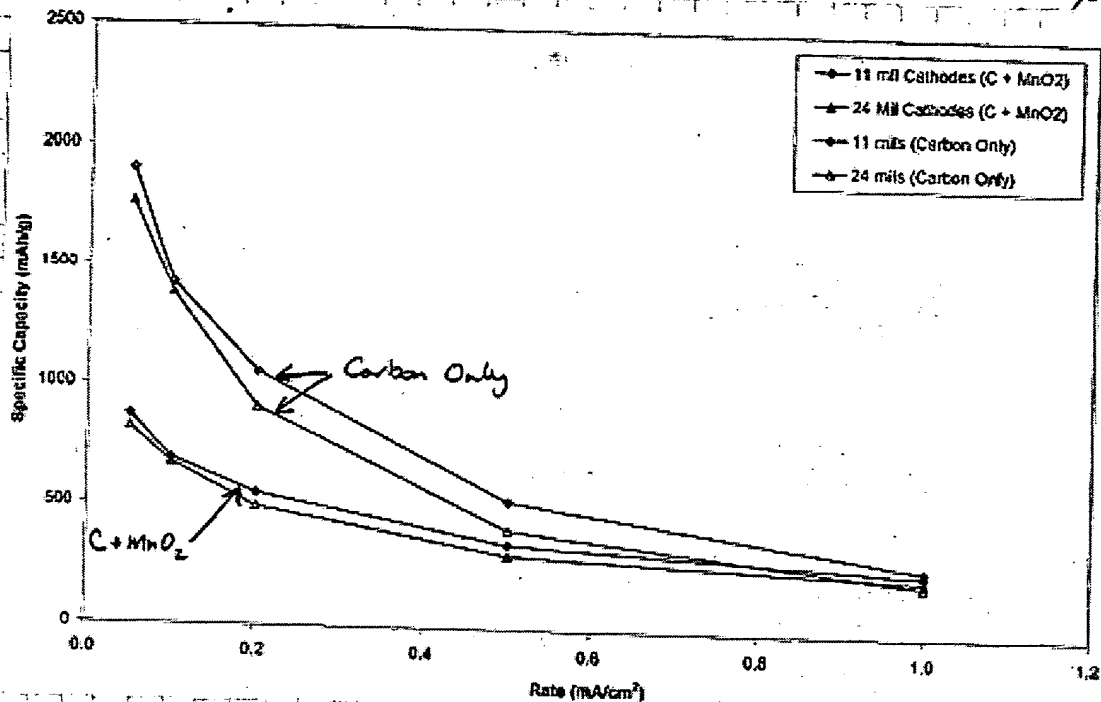
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## Rate Curves for LA6-LA19

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The Specific Capacity of the working cathode is much higher in the Li-Air cell than in the Li-2-MnO<sub>2</sub> cell

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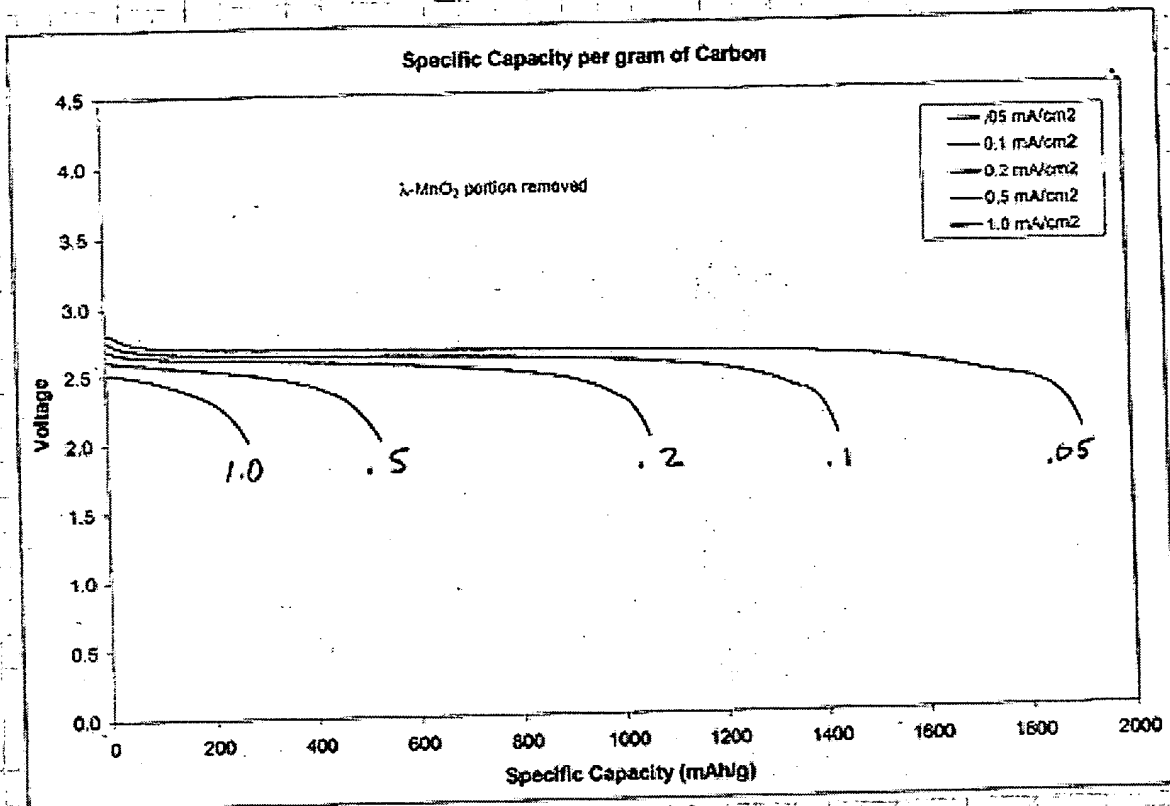
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Li-Air Cells LA6-LA10 (Carbon Specific Capacity) 3/21/01



When the specific capacity of the carbon only is calculated, based on the  $\lambda$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> capacity, the total specific capacity is exceedingly high. If this type of energy can be realized in a air/cell with 90% carbon, a extremely high energy density can be realized.

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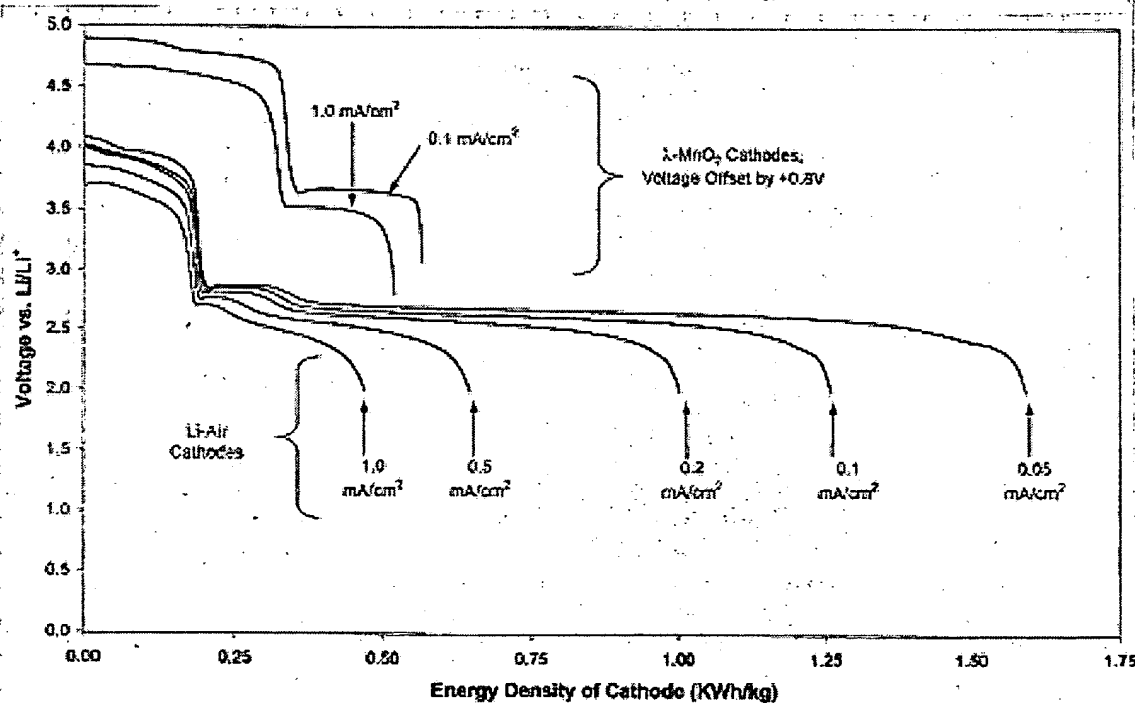
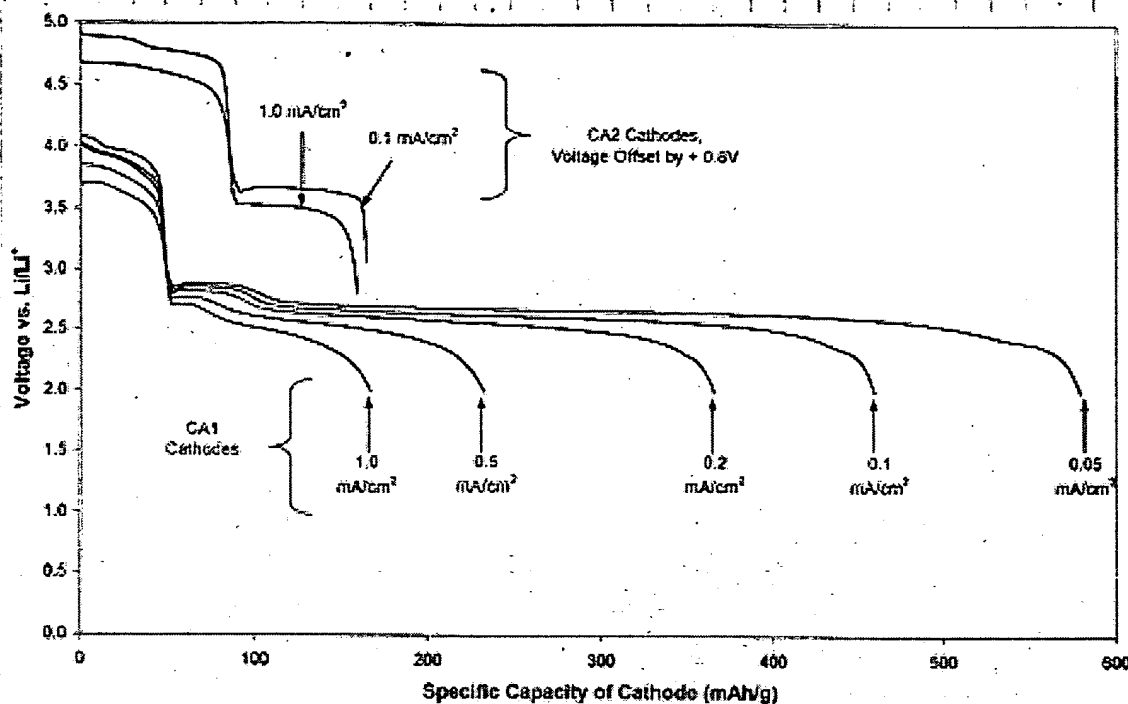
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Comparison of Li-Air to  $\lambda$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>

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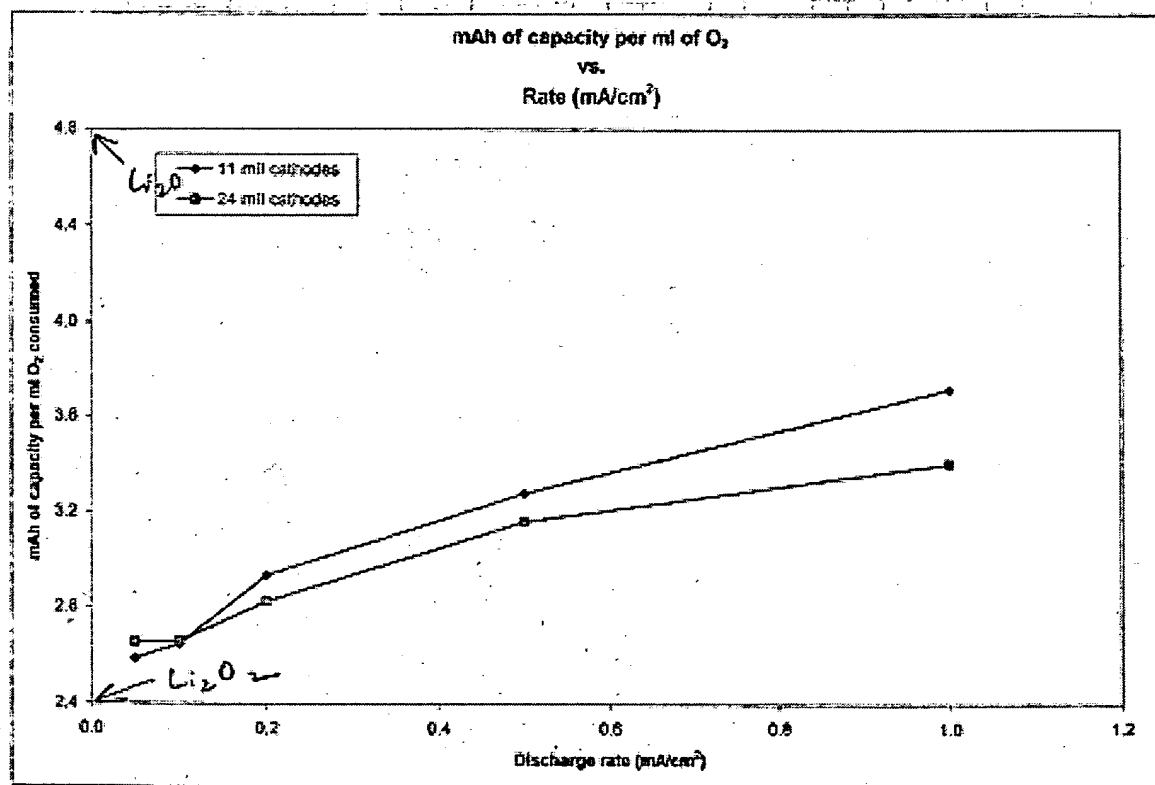
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O<sub>2</sub> gas consumption on Discharge of Li-Air Cells 3/21/01

Gas consumption (pure O<sub>2</sub>) was measured for LA6-LA19 after discharge at various rates. The gas consumption <sup>per mAh</sup> decreased as discharge rate increased. The mAh/ml O<sub>2</sub> for the formation of Li<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is theoretically 2.4 mAh/ml and for Li<sub>2</sub>O 4.8 mAh/ml. The graph shows that at lower rates, Li<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is formed and as rate increases the formation of Li<sub>2</sub>O becomes more pronounced.



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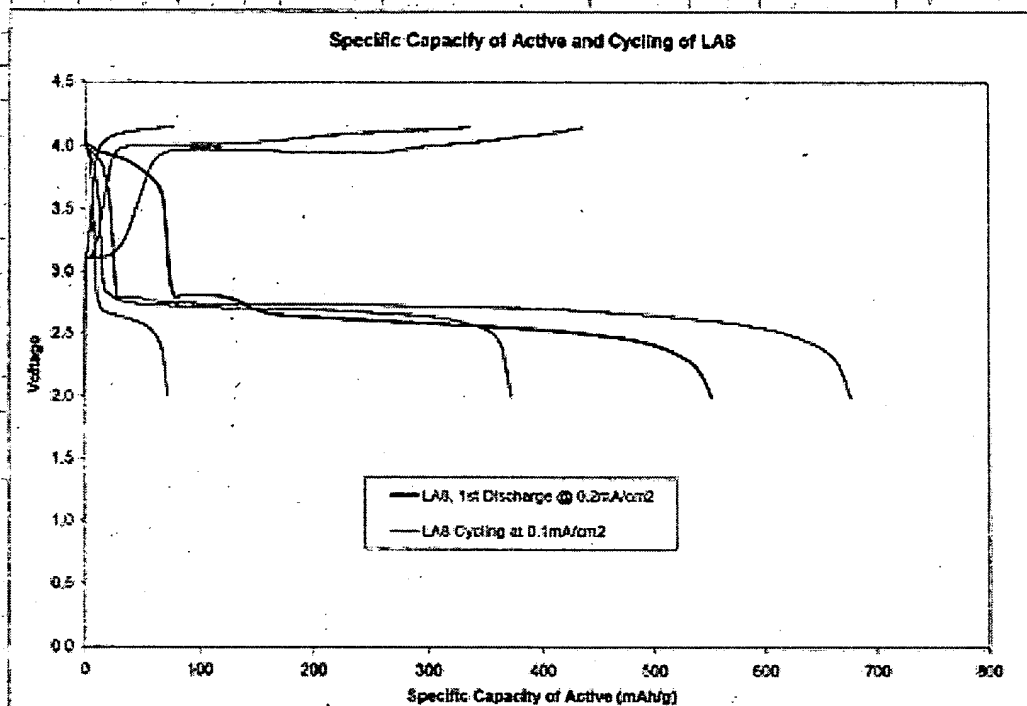
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LA8 Cycling -  $0.2 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  initial discharge,  $0.1 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  cycling 3/21/01

LA8 was initially discharged at  $0.2 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  for rate studies. The cell was taken off of test then put back on to cycle at  $0.1 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  between 4.15 V and 2.0 V.



The 1<sup>st</sup> discharge at  $0.2 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  was  $550 \text{ mAh/g}$  Active. Upon charge  $436 \text{ mAh/g}$  was recovered. The 2<sup>nd</sup> discharge was  $676 \text{ mAh/g}$ . The third, 373, the fourth, 73  $\text{mAh/g}$ .

The capacity fades quickly as the ability of the cell to charge decreases rapidly. The capacity appears to be limited by the cell's ability to recharge.

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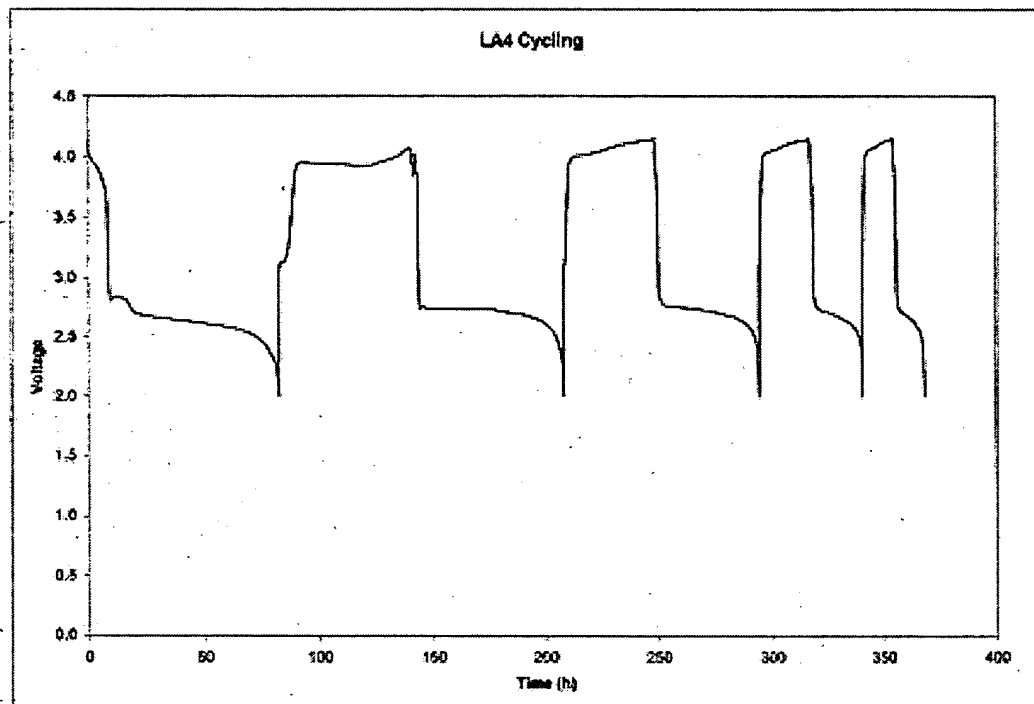
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LA4 cycling

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There were several cells built simply designed to cycle at low rate.  
 LA4 was such a cell, cycled between 4.15 V and 2.0 V at 0.1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.  
 LA5 was cycled between 4.15 V and 2.5 V at 0.1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The cycling of LA4 is shown below. The capacity fade is apparent on successive cycles.



LA5 showed nearly identical behavior to LA4 even with the higher (2.5V) cutoff.

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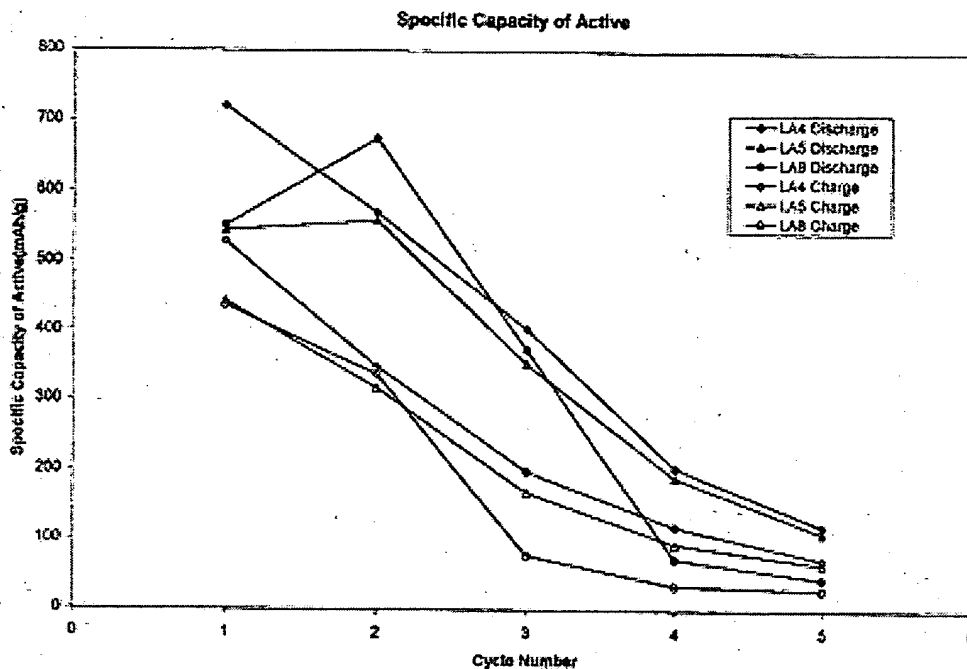
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LA4, LA5 and LA8 Cycling.

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The cells LA4-8 all cycled in similar fashion with the charge capacity determining capacity fade.



Specific Capacity of Active Components

Cycle	LA4		LA5		LA8	
	Discharge	Charge	Discharge	Charge	Discharge	Charge
1	721	530	545	442	552	436
2	571	348	559	317	676	337
3	403	199	352	169	373	78
4	205	120	191	85	73	35
5	121	72	111	68	45	29
	2021	1269	1758	1089	1719	915

The specific capacity of the active components is extremely high, but holds only for several cycles.

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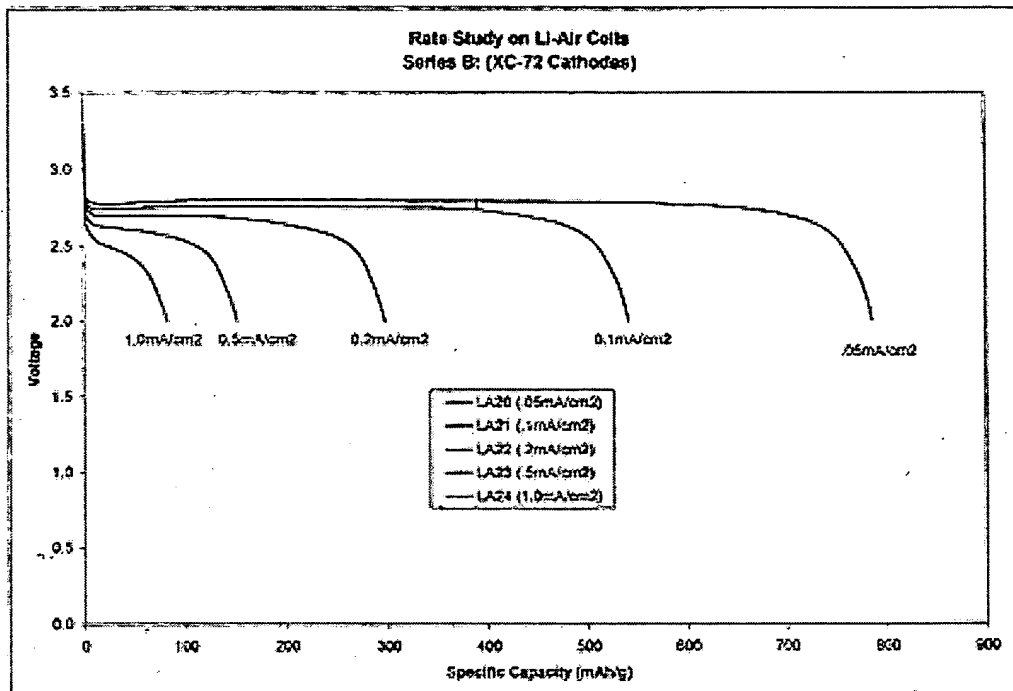
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Li-Air Cells LA20-24 : (XC-72 Carbon)

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Li-Air Series B: 24  
Rate SCA (42 mls)

(Series B)

Cells built with higher surface area carbon demonstrated similar performance to the Super P carbon used in cells LA1-LA19. Based on carbon weight alone, the higher surface area material actually performed at a lower capacity.

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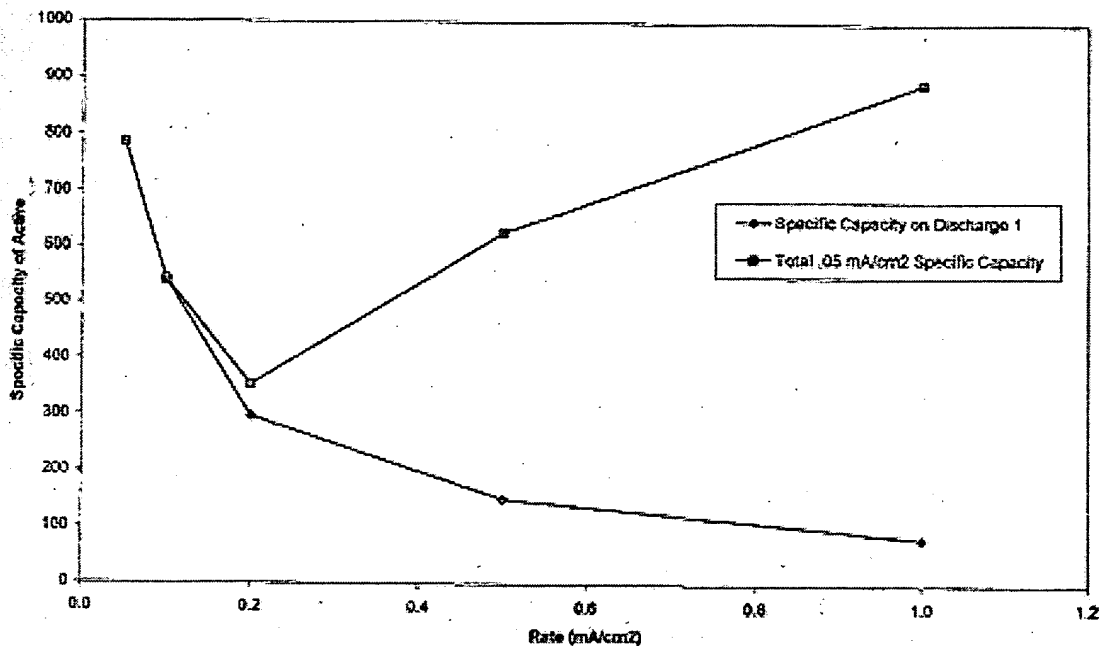
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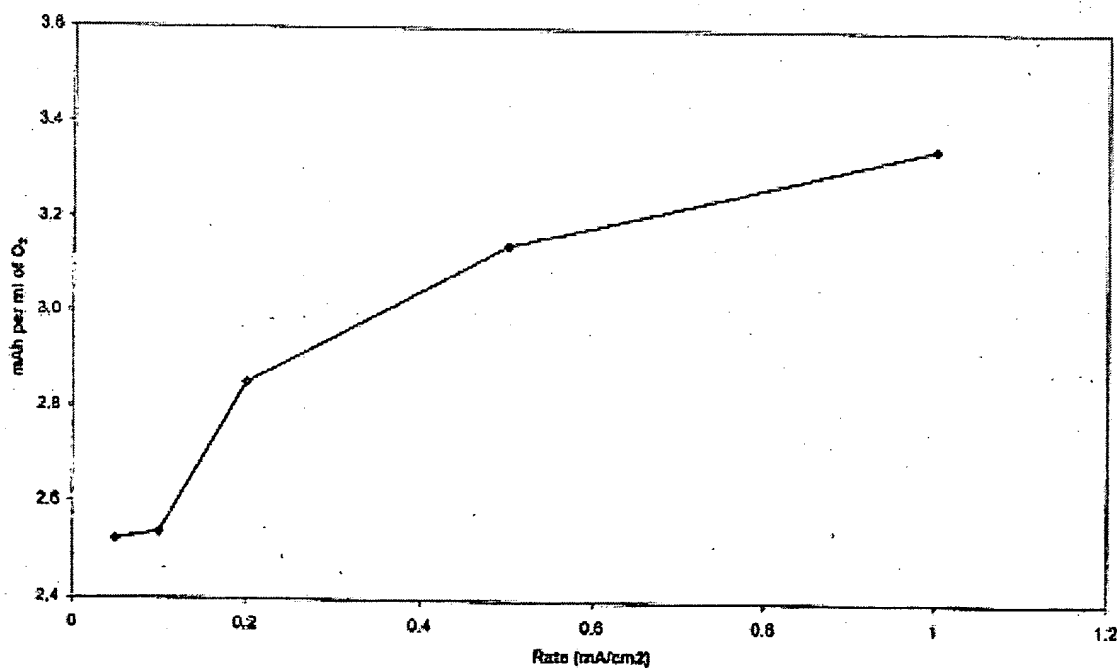
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Specific Capacity vs. Rate for Discharge 1  
and  
Total Specific Capacity with Discharge 2 at .05mA/cm<sup>2</sup>



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mAh of Capacity per ml O<sub>2</sub> v. Discharge rate (mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)



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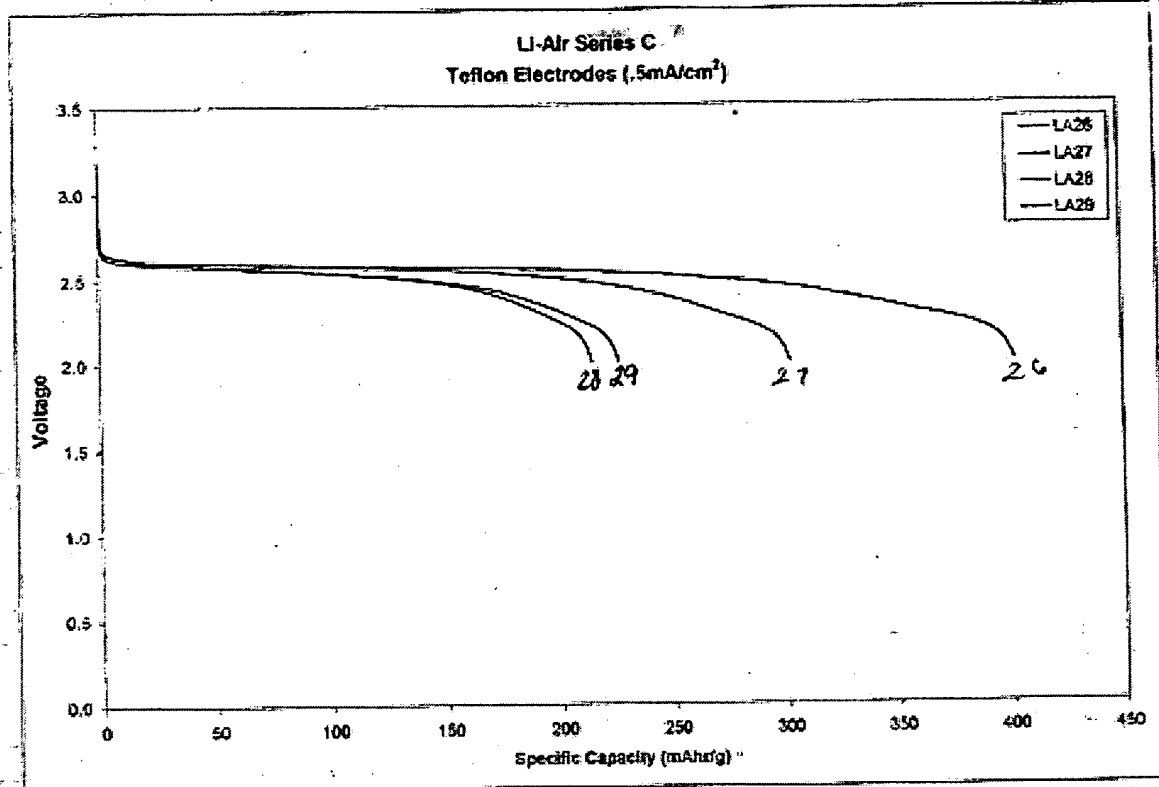
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Li-Air Cells LA26-LA29 Teflonated Electrodes, Super P 3/2



- Teflonated Electrodes of Super P (91% carbon) were discharged at .5mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The electrodes performed similarly to the Super P in LA4-LA19. Then on a per gram carbon basis, the capacity was similar.
- Upon discharge of cells LA27, 28 & 29 at .1mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, an additional (at pr) 500, 315 & 485 mAh/g of capacity is extracted.

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MICA Grid Treatment Prep. (1:1 MICA: Super P) 3/28/01

Super P = 27014g

IPA = 54.9690g

DEWater = 54.0280g

MICA D-209 = 13.0050g

The mixture was homogenized for 10 minutes on level 4 on the PRO 250

1MLPF<sub>6</sub> - X-BL Electrolyte Prep. (50 ml) 3/28/01

X-BL Water Runs: Run 1: 33.2  $\mu$ g/2ml = 16.6  $\mu$ g/ml  
 Run 2: 32.2  $\mu$ g/2ml = 16.1  $\mu$ g/ml

L:PF<sub>6</sub> = 7.8718g1MLPF<sub>6</sub> - X-BL final volume = 46 ml

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Electrolyte turned brown after several days 3/30/01

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## Electrolyte Studies for Li-Air (Series A) 3/30/01

Cathode: N3P92A (10 mils)  
 Electrolytes: 1 mL PF<sub>6</sub> w/ PC  
 1 mL PF<sub>6</sub> w/ 8-Butyrolactone  
 1 mL PF<sub>6</sub> w/ EC/DME (2:1)

Cell #	Cathode wt.	Separator	Electrolyte (3ml) 4/2/01	Test
LA30	.1881	Celgard 2300	1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	Gas Volume
LA31	.1874		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A	Cycling
LA32	.1930		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A	Cycling
LA33	.1880		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	Gas Volume
LA34	.1910		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	Gas Volume
LA35	.1879		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	Gas Volume
LA36	.1843		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	Gas Volume
LA37	.1893	Rayovac	1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> EC-DME (2:1) N3P92A	Rate Study
LA38	.1884		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> EC-DME (2:1) N3P92A	"
LA39	.1836		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A	"
LA40	.1864		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC NYP25A	"
LA41	.1861		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC NYP25A	"
LA42	.1839		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC NYP25A	"
LA43	.1885		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> T-BL NYP23A	"
LA44	.1842		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> T-BL NYP23A	"
LA45	.1802		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> T-BL NYP23A	"
LA46	.1861		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME (1:1) NYP9A	40°C
LA47	.1846		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME + T-BL NYP27A	Rate
LA48	.1782		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME + T-BL NYP27A	"
LA49	.1845		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME + T-BL NYP27A	"
LA50	.1754		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME	NYP33C Rate
LA51	.1808		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME	NYP33C Rate
LA52	.1788		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC-DME	NYP33C Rate
LA53	.1698		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33A Rate
LA54	.1790		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33A
LA55	.1751		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33A
LA56	.1699		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33B
LA57	.1736		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33B
LA58	.1706		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33B
LA59	.1739		1 mL PF <sub>6</sub> PC:THF	NYP33B

LA51 @ 300°F, 2 passes  
 Aluminum grid treated w/ 1:1 MECA:SuperP

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1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC Electrolyte Prep

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PC Water Test: 2 ml @ 37.6  $\mu$ S = 19  $\mu$ S/ml2 ml @ 39.0  $\mu$ S = 19  $\mu$ S/ml

50 ml electrolyte prep

LiPF<sub>6</sub> = 7.8752 g

Lot # N4 P25A

Cycling Study on Li-Air Cells LA 31, LA 32

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- ① Rest for 3 hours
- ② Discharge @ 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> to 2.0V
- ③ Charge and Discharge between 4.5V and 2.0V @ 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>
- ④ Cycle 15 cycles.

Test Name LAX 1B

Cell	Before wt. in air	Before wt. in water	Ch.	After wt. in air	After wt. in water
LA 31	13.88g	-63.89g	1	13.90g	-53.77
LA 32	13.75g	-86.15g	2	13.76g	-76.97

Gas Volume Study # 1

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Cell	Before wt. in air	Before wt. in water	After Discharge wt. in water	After wt. in water
LA 30	12.35g	-113.27	-102.64	12.40g

Run all on PCX 1R. (1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)

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# Rate Study on Li-Air w 3 electrolytes 4/9/01

Low impedances on LA37-LA45

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LA37-LA39 → 150-220Ω (MLiPF<sub>6</sub> EC:DMC (2:1))

LA40-LA42 → 1000-1500Ω (1MLiPF<sub>6</sub> PC) Poor Sep. wetting?

LA43-LA45 → 40-60Ω (1MLiPF<sub>6</sub> 8-BL)

Cell	wt in air	Before Disch. wt in water	Ch.	Rate	wt in air	After Disch. wt in water
		750, 22°C				750, 22°C
LA37	13.17g	-59.04	3	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.17g	-48.70
LA38	12.94g	-69.16	4	.2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.91g	-65.72
LA39	13.00g	-59.52	5	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.00g	-59.20
LA40	13.35g	-59.24	6	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.35g	-54.94
LA41	13.18g	-64.40	7	.2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.18g	-62.86
LA42	13.35g	-48.37	8	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.35g	-48.57 -98.
LA43	12.95g	-61.08	20	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.93g	-51.51
LA44	13.31g	-68.67	21	.2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.31g	-64.88
LA45	13.31g	-68.43	22	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.31g	-68.03

All cells were discharged after a 3h rest to 2.0V at the rate specified

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Low Impedances

LA47, LA48, LA49 → 30-40Ω

Cell	wt in air	Before Disch. wt in water	Ch.	Rate	wt in air	After Disch. wt in water
		25°C / 759 mm Hg				25°C / 759 mm Hg
LA47	11.85g	-59.01	46	.05 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	11.87g	-40.17g
LA48	12.60g	-66.20	47	.2 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.62g	-57.12g
LA49	12.75g	-84.53	48	1.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.75g	-83.07g
		21.5°C / 759 mm Hg				

Cells discharged at given rate to 2.0V after 3h rest

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Heat Treatment of AB-Grade EMD (-325 mesh) 4/10/01

Lot # : N3P83A (Initial Sieved Powder)

Initial wt = 127.1472 g

Final wt = 121.0326 g

380°C for 24 hrs (1:05 - 12:30)  
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Lot # N4P27B

Prep of 1% Triton-100X PC:DME Electrolyte 4/12/01

Triton 100X = 1100g

Dissolved into 100 ml of 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> PC:DME (N4P10A)

Lot # N4P27A

GAS Volume Study #2 4/12/01

Cell	wt. in Air	Before disch. wt. in water	After disch. wt. in water	After disch. wt. in Air
CA33	12.89g	-62.74g 21.5°C, 75% RH	-59.75g 21.5°C, 75% RH	12.91g

Impedance -  
38Ω @ 10HzRun on PCX5R (.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Initial Buret Volume = 23.8 cc before equilibration

28 cc Near equil.

Final Buret Volume = 32 cc

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HT of Ken-McGee AB Grade EMD

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Lot # 1659 (Not Sieved)

Initial wt = 82.1530g Final wt = 78.5832g

HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours

(2:30p - 1:35p)  
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Lot # N4 P28A

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Gas Volume Study # 3

cell	Before wt in air	wt in water	After wt in air	wt in water	Impedance
LA34	12.38g	25°C, 75mV -89.76g	12.40g	220°C, 750 -79.86	485 @ 10 Hz

Run on PCX05R PCX2R (.2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)HT of Ken-McGee AB Grade EMD (+325 mesh)

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Lot # N3 P83B (+325)

Initial wt = 100.7283g Final wt = 95.9547g

HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours (noon - 6pm)  
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Lot # N4 P28B

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HT of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>

Lot # AW-46

Initial wt = 11.7872g

Final wt = 11.6864g

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HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours

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Lot # N4 P28C

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Water Determinations on dried Solvents 4/18/01PC:DM E (NYP31A)

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 31.5  $\mu$ g = 28.6  $\mu$ g/ml To High  
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 56.3  $\mu$ g = 28.2  $\mu$ g/ml

 $\delta$ -BL

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 201.7  $\mu$ g = 201.7  $\mu$ g/ml To High  
 Run 2: 1.0 ml @ 178.0  $\mu$ g = 178.0  $\mu$ g/ml

THP

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 20.8  $\mu$ g = 20.8  $\mu$ g/ml  
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 26.1  $\mu$ g = 13.0  $\mu$ g/ml OK to USE  
 Run 3: 0.4 ml @ 6.8  $\mu$ g = 17.0  $\mu$ g/ml

THP

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 14.9  $\mu$ g = 13.5  $\mu$ g/ml OK to USE  
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 26.2  $\mu$ g = 13.1  $\mu$ g/ml

1,4-Dioxane

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 16.5  $\mu$ g = 15.0  $\mu$ g/ml OK to USE  
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 29.0  $\mu$ g = 14.5  $\mu$ g/ml

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PC:DM E (NYP31A)

Run 1: 2.0 ml @ 30.3  $\mu$ g = 15.2  $\mu$ g/ml OK to USE  
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 29.9  $\mu$ g = 15.0  $\mu$ g/ml

 $\delta$ -BL

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 55.6  $\mu$ g = 55.6  $\mu$ g/ml  
 Run 2: 1.0 ml @ 31.7  $\mu$ g = 31.7  $\mu$ g/ml  
 Run 3: 1.0 ml @ 54.9  $\mu$ g = 54.9  $\mu$ g/ml

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~~Preparation of Cycling Cyclic Ethers for PC: Ether 9K~~

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Preparation of Electrolytes for Rate Study PC: Cyclic Ethers

Electrolytes to Prepare:

PC: THF, PC: THP, PC: 1,4 Dioxane all 1:1 w/LiPF<sub>6</sub>: Fw = 151.9 g/mole

50ml each prep.

1M LiPF<sub>6</sub>

PC: THF (1:1)

PC: 13.939g + 5.148g + 4.620g + .440g = 24.147g  
 THF: 15.399g + 3.458g + 4.045g + 1.027g = 23.929g  
 LiPF<sub>6</sub>: 7.559g

Lot # N4P33A

1M LiPF<sub>6</sub>

PC: THP (1:1)

PC: 15.347g + 8.139g + .490g = 23.976g  
 THP: 16.501g + 7.092g + .421g = 24.014g  
 LiPF<sub>6</sub>: 7.591g

Lot # N4P33B

1M LiPF<sub>6</sub>~~PC: THF (1:1)~~1M LiPF<sub>6</sub>

PC: 1,4-Dioxane

PC: 14.695g  
 1,4-Dioxane: 17.147g  
 LiPF<sub>6</sub>: 7.664g

Turned to a gelatinous mass.

1M LiPF<sub>6</sub>

PC: DME (1:1)

(250ml)

PC: DME: Lot # N4P9B & Lot # N4P31A  
 LiPF<sub>6</sub>: 38.1282g

Lot # N4P33C

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## Rate Study of Li-Air w 3 electrolytes

(Series A)

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Cell	Z'COH <sub>2</sub>	Before Disch. (22°C, 75%) wt in air	wt in H <sub>2</sub> O	Ch	Rate	After Disch. wt in air	wt in H <sub>2</sub> O
✓ LASO	28Ω	13.09g	-59.76	1	.05 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	13.10g	-42.11g
✓ LAS1	32Ω	12.27g	-74.81	2	.2 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.26g	-64.71g
✓ LAS2	34Ω	11.60g	-83.91	3	1.0 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	11.59g	-80.68g
✓ LAS3	37Ω	12.64g	-84.78	4	.05 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.65g	-65.99g
✓ LAS4	40Ω	12.75g	-124.4	5	.2 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.75g	-110.87g
✓ LAS5	41Ω	12.23g	-75.8	6	1.0 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.22	-71.35g
✓ LAS6	52Ω	12.91g	-106.59	20	.05 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	12.90	-104.66g
✓ LAS7	47Ω	12.70g	-77.16	21	.2 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	11.61	-92.75g
✓ LAS8	48Ω	12.53g	-82.57	22	1.0 mH/cm <sup>2</sup>	11.49	-92.75g

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Rate Studies of the Li-Air cell are being done to evaluate the effects of various components on the rate behavior. The electrolyte has a strong effect on rate capability and discharge capacity. It is proposed that electrolytes capable of dissolving O<sub>2</sub> should give better rate capability and discharge capacity.

Oxygen solubility has been determined for several common electrolyte solvents, see Solubility Data Series; v.7 Oxygen & Ozone, NIST Call # 8575.08.

Solvent	Solubility
Propylene Carbonate	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (Pure O <sub>2</sub> )
γ-Butyrolactone	$5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (Pure O <sub>2</sub> )
Tetrahydrofuran	$22 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (Pure O <sub>2</sub> )
Tetrahydro-2H-pyran	$22 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (Pure O <sub>2</sub> )
Perfluorobutyl perfluorotetrahydrofuran	$54 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (Pure O <sub>2</sub> )
Dimethyl Sulfoxide	$4.9 \times 10^{-2}$ cm <sup>3</sup> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup> solvent (pure O <sub>2</sub> )

The solvents are useful in Li-Air batteries and should the ones with high oxygen solubility be used, capacity & rate capability should improve.

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